

**COLORADO CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA**  
**Mack Ridge Working Group Meeting Minutes**  
**July 15, 2002**

Attendees:

Bob Anthony	Pat Kennedy	Lovell Sasser
Ike Berry	Tom Nix	Julie Stotler
Kevin Foote	Chris Pipkin	

**Greetings and Introductions**

Kevin Foote opened the meeting.

**Group Discussions**

Group discussions centered on trail alternatives. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) developed a map depicting the alternatives discussed in the group (see attached map).

The national (and international) convention for trail etiquette dictates how multiple use is accomplished, without the need to prohibit specific uses on any one trail. There is concern that too many people, such as inexperienced users who may not know the convention, leads to dangerous encounters on the trail.

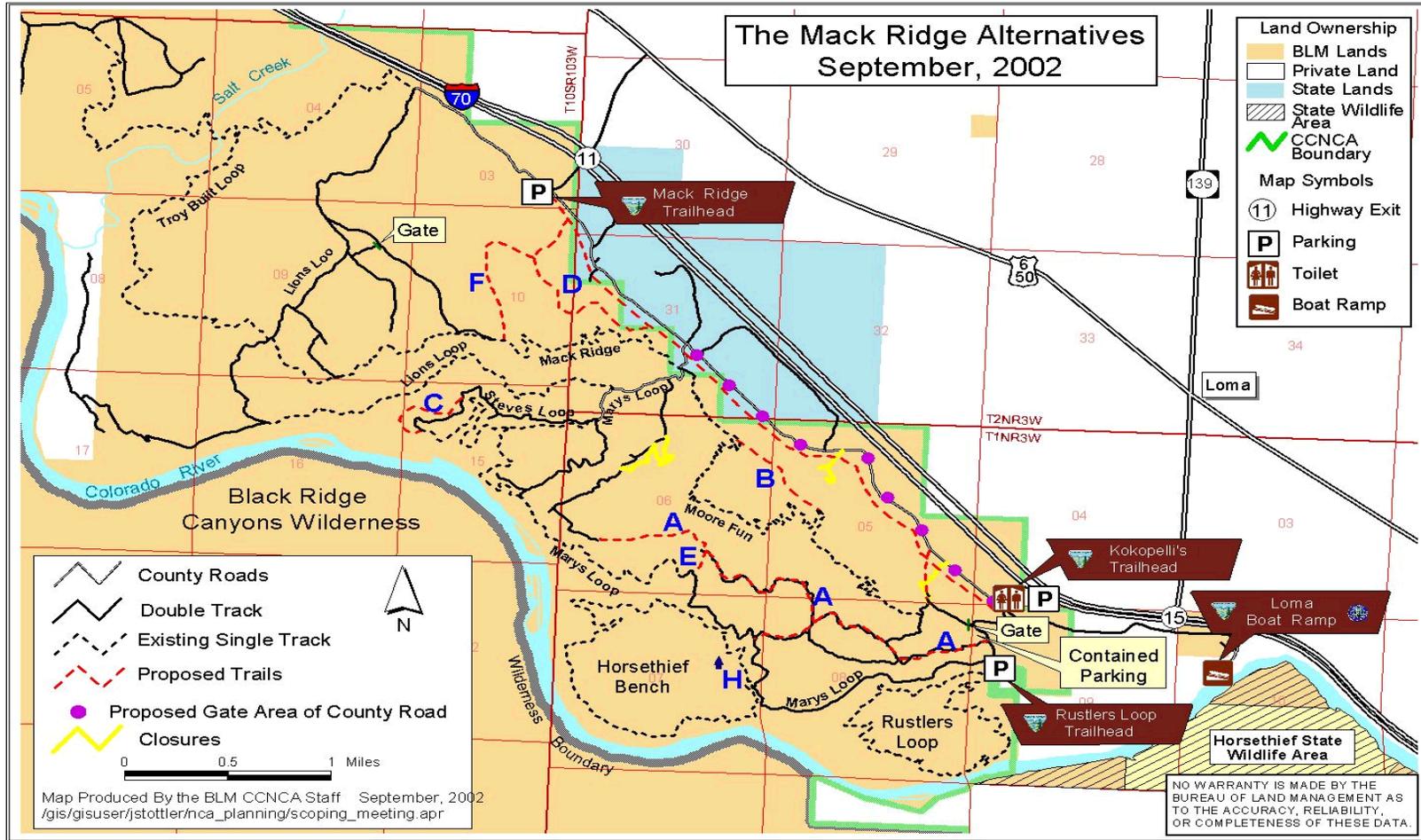
Some group members are advocating eliminating horses from some single-track trails on Mack Ridge for safety reasons. Horseback riders are not supportive of any prohibitions on their access to Mack Ridge trails.

Attached is a matrix describing the proposed trails developed by the Mack Ridge Working Group. All proposed trails would be multiple use, i.e., hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders), with the exception of "Proposed Trail B," which would not be open to horses.

The group has developed a list of issues, concerns, and actions; all of which will be prioritized at the next meeting on August 5, 2002, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the BLM Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Mack Ridge Alternatives



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**MACK RIDGE WORKING GROUP  
TRAIL PROPOSALS**

<b>PROPOSED TRAIL</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROPOSED LENGTH</b>
<b>A</b>	Mary's Loop (upper)	-Hike/Run -Bicycle -Horse		5 mile
<b>B</b>	Moore Fun (lower)	-Hike/Run -Bicycle	Will become a loop	1 mile
<b>C</b>	Steve's Loop	-Hike/Run -Bicycle -Horse	Designed to circumvent steep hill	½ mile
<b>D</b>	Below Mack Ridge	-Hike/Run -Bicycle -Horse		2 mile
<b>E</b>	Mary's Loop (upper)	-Hike/Run -Bicycle -Horse	Hook-up to Trail A	
<b>F</b>	Mack Ridge	-Hike/Run -Bicycle -Horse		2 mile
<b>G</b>	Cut-off from road			
<b>H</b>	Horsethief Bench			

Included with the trail proposals above is the proposed closure of some single-track trails to horseback riding:

- Northern (Front) Mack Ridge Trail
- Mary's Single Track
- Moore Fun Single Track

**Other Proposals:**

- Directional travel (counter-clockwise) for horses on Horsethief Bench; mountain bikes and hikers not restricted
- Closure of Frontage Road, or
- Multiple-use trail parallel to Frontage Road
- Formal parking lot and trailhead on state land (if acquired) (Lions Loop)
- Constrain Moore Fun parking lot in order to limit size
- Close and rehabilitate dead-end roads and trails
- Place gates at Moore Fun parking lot and at road to Towers